

present, accompanies Mr. Garside in all his preaching tours, and though we have had no expression of opinion from Mr. Garside we are ready to believe that he will think as highly of him as we do.

4. Karaturi Solomon is the one seated in the middle with the turban on. He has a rather high opinion of his own merits, a not very uncommon failing. He hasn't as much application as we could wish, still he has done good work, and will do good work on the field, we believe. We have already characterized him as the doctor of the compound.

5.6. Chinna Samuel and Meshec are two brothers. Meshec is he who has the large book in his right hand. Samuel had the best marks for recitation in Theology, while Amrutal came second with Meshec third. Those three were accordingly the speakers from the graduating class. Chinna Samuel is teaching, so I understand, and Meshec is preaching. Both are from Akidu field. Any reader, wishing for further knowledge, may be referred to the *Link*, Nov. 1888.

These six are thus the graduating class of 1890, and we have sent them forth into the great harvest field with a good deal of trembling, yet with a trust that the spirit will continue their teacher and lead them to a higher consecration and attainments.

Two others have gone out this year after having taken a partial course, one Pedda Gnananandam of the Jr. Theol. Class, the other Pedda Yohann of the Sr. Bible Class. These eight have gone forth to bear the message of salvation to their perishing people. May the prayers of God's people follow them!

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## THE NEED OF THE PRESENT TIME.

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"That there may be an 'out-pouring of the Spirit of Missions on the churches at home," was suggested as the prayer topic for the month of January. A strengthening of the feeble missionary spirit in our churches is the great need of the present time—that with increasing zeal we may work with God to give the glorious Gospel of His dear Son to all people. Through the month just drawing to a close prayer has been ascending to God for this special blessing, and there can be no doubt these prayers have been heard, and that they have been answered, or will be answered in the near future, John says, "And this is the boldness which we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us, and if we know that He heareth us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of Him." Those touching appeals for help in the Foreign field which received so little response, as yet, have made us feel it is time to wake from our slumber, humble ourselves before God, and with the voice of prayer and hand of faith seize the help our Father is able to give.

As members of the church of Christ, we are under the most solemn obligation to obey all the commandments of our Lord. When the harvest was great and the laborers were few, he commanded his disciples to "pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." The harvest is very great and the laborers are very few, compared with the requirements of the ripening fields. Have we been careful to obey our Lord's command? The responsibility

rests upon us. Our duty, therefore, is to bear this need on our hearts, tell the Lord often about it, and plead with Him often, to pour the Spirit of missions on the churches, and give men and women, whose lips, touched with the live coal from the altar, shall respond gladly to the call for help, and with consecrated hearts reply,— "Horo am I; send me."

Carey stood alone for a time, in feeling that the church must go to the heathen, yet, by prayer and work, and faith, he accomplished great things; so even one soul aflame with love to God, and love for the perishing, may by using the means God has appointed—bring down a blessing—the extent of which will never be known in time. We have only to look into the history of the church, to see that prayer, in all ages, has been answered, if it be in accordance with the will of God, and we can have no doubt of His will in this matter, for the Spirit of Missions is the Spirit of Christianity. To know something of the value of our own soul, is to know something of the value of other immortal souls, and every one who is born into the kingdom of God desires that others may experience the peace and joy that flow from a consciousness of pardoned sin. If the new convert, like Saul of Tarsus, ask "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" and if he follow this asking by entering every avenue to work that opens before him, there will be growth in grace, and this desire for the salvation of others, will become broader and broader, until it encompasses the whole earth and all nations, will be included in the prayer—"Thy Kingdom Come."

The stirring appeal published a few months ago, in the *Messenger and Visitor*, from our missionaries in Telugu, to the churches in these provinces, contained the thought that the Christians of this generation should give the gospel to the heathen of this generation. Our missionaries are not alone in this thought of haste in the King's work. Mr. J. Hudson Taylor proposes that the gospel should be proclaimed to every inhabitant of China in the next three years. He estimates that one thousand evangelists can do the work in that time, by each visiting fifty families a day. To accomplish this, a great many more must obey the Saviour's parting command, "Go teach all nations" and those who cannot go must obey the command, by giving this great work their sympathy and support. There is not only need of all the tithes of talent, but all the tithes of money are needed in the treasury of the Lord. Some love their Lord so much that they give themselves and all they have. "The Kingdom" gives an item concerning one of the missionaries of the China Inland Mission, who is a Scotch gentleman, worth a million, living in China on twenty-five cents a week, and using all his fortune in the work. Giving all is what the poor widow did who put the mite in the treasury. Every Christian ought surely, to give at the least one tenth of his income. This giving one tenth is easily done, by adopting the Bible plan of giving on the first day of each week. If this way were followed by all our people the treasury would not be so often empty and the Lord's work would not be so often hindered for want of money to push it forward. As individuals we need greater likeness to the Master, that our hearts may burn with sympathy for the perishing millions who do not know about Christ. Think of Chicacole with its 800,000 souls and only one mission family. Look at the south-western part of Nippon, the chief island of Japan, with more than one million of people and only one missionary.

Look again at Africa with its dense darkness and at China with its teeming millions who are ignorant of the